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# SENIOR ENGINEEN

### Comm. Head Service Slashed Mann Elected Inst.

### Officers and Other Science - Fiction Appointees Listed; Predicts Future, Amendments Pass Says J. Campbell

Robert W. Mann was elected president of the Class of 1950 and chairman of the Institute Committee in the class elections held last Tuesday and approved by the Institute Committee on Wednesday. The Committee also approved appointments to the Managing Board of the Tech Show and to the Elections Committee. The three amendments to the Constitution of the Undergraduae Association passed. Following is a list of the elected officers and appointments. Class of 1949

Permanent President-J. Thomas Toohy

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(all Class of 1952) Milo M. Backus, Stanley Buchin,

James W. Davidson, Edwin C. Dykhoff, Earl R. Heath, James J. Humphries, James Stockard.

### Applications Available For Tech House Next Season

TCA recently announced that Tech House applications are now available for the season starting this June. The Tech House, located on the grounds of Round Hill Estate, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, replaces the old Tech say goes. Cabin.

There are three sets of applications obtainable at the TCA office for those groups interested, namely:

- 1. Summer student groups for weekend trips this summer.
- 2. Student groups for the school year beginning in September.
- 3. Faculty groups for weekdays of this summer. The TCA cabinet is itself planning a retreat to Tech Tuesday, April 19.

The fantastic stories in fictional science magazines are a force in human affairs closely akin to fairy stories and songs. But more than these, they actually have, in many cases, a secure scientific basis. Science Fiction's editor, John W. Campbell, Jr., in a lecture April 13 in Huntington Hall, was further able to explain that this type of literature is not only interesting but also useful.

Avid fans and interested or curious students got a different view of the writing from that of the time-wasting or even detrimental attitude so commonly given it. Mr. Campbell explained that it is an "effort to predict things that might be from the basis of what we know and what we wish to know."

Quite a number of interesting problems in interplanetary travel have been conquered in science fiction. Indeed, many things used in our future "space ships" were first known through science fiction. Mr. Campbell is of the opinion that perhaps the first half dozen space expeditions will be wrecked before all the "bugs" can be ironed out, and with the true philosophy of the magazine gave examples of the problems which will be encountered in "short trips" to the moon, and longer trips to Mars.

> REMINDER SENIOR CLASS ENDOWMENT CALL AT ROOM 2-125

### **GUEST STAR**



Spotlighting the annual Activities Ball, to be held Saturday, April 16, in Morss Hall, will be Pat Rainey (pictured above) and the Rain Beaus, currently being featured at the Satire Room of the Hotel Fensgate. They will offer a half hour show beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Members of the Activities Ball Committee request the aid of anyone planning to attend the dance to help decorate Morss Hall and the 5:15 Club Room for the Ball. Decorating will be done between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday and about 11:00 Saturday morning.

### Killian Announces Staff Promotions; 5 New Professors

President Killian recently announced the annual list of faculty promotions. Included in the list were the following advancements to professorships.

Promoted to the rank of full professor were Dr. Norman Levinson and Dr. Eric Reissner, both of the Department of Mathematics; Dr. Samuel C. Collins, Department of Mechanical Engineering; Professor Gyorgy Kepes, Department Architecture; and Dr. Charles A. Myers, Department of Economics ing Christmas, vacation and midand Social Science.

#### **Assistant Professor Promotions**

Assistant professors who have been promoted to the rank of associate professor are Professor Robert C. Seaman, Jr., Department of Aeronautical Engineering; Dr. John C. Sheehan, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Milton C. Shaw, and Dr. Joseph Kaye, both of the Department of Mechanical Engineering; Dr. James W. Daily, Department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering; Dr. George E. Valley, Jr., and Sanborn C. Brown and Dr. Martin Deutsch, all of the Department of Physics; Dr. Harold S. Mickley, Department of Chemical Engineering; and Professor Elting E. Morison, Department of English and History.

### Sixteen Promoted To Assistants

Promotions to the rank of assistant professor were Michael Witunski, and Dominic Amara, both of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering: John J. Mealy, Director of the Bangor Station of the practice: David A. Trageser, Direcschool of chemical engineering practice; Kenneth R. Wadleigh, Department of Mechanical Engineer-John M. Biggs, both of the Department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering; Dr. Abdul J. Abdullah, Department of Meteorology; George P. Shultz, Department of Economics and Social Science; George C. Newton, Jr., John G. Linvill, and William K. Linvill, all of the Department of Electrical Engineering; Kevin A. Lynch, Department of City Planning; Maurice E. Shank, Department of Metallurgy, and Theodore Wood, Jr., and David A. Dudley, both of the Department of English and History.

### Premoted To Instructors

Members of the staff who were promoted to the rank of instructor were John L. C. Lof, David C. Whipple, Joseph K. Dilliard, Monir A. Kashmiry, Richard B. Adler, Carroll E. Frank, Vinton B. Hass, Jr., Harold M. Lucal, and Denis U. Noiseux, all of the Department of Electrical Engineering; Eugene S. Pulk, Department of Meteorology; Albert J. and Thomas A. Hood, all of the Department of Building Engineering and Construction; Raymond F. Baddour, Assistant Director of the Oak Ridge engineering practice school; Richard B. Palme, Department of Mechanical Engineering; George B. Baldwin, Department of Economics and Social Science; and Carl P. Aldrich, Jr., Department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering.

# Rent Hiked \$5. In Other Dorms

Beginning in the fall term of this year, the new Senior House on Memorial Drive will be made available to all male undergraduate students. Rent in this newest and most modern of Technology's living units will be at a flat rate of \$180 for room and \$170 for board per man, per term. The fall term will cover a period of twenty weeks, from September 14 to January 31.

Meals, which are compulsory as far as payment is concerned, will be served three times a day, five days a week. Saturdays and Sundays, in addition to the weeks duryear vacation are excluded from the meal schedule.

#### Rent Increased; Service Reduced

Due to increased costs, as well as to changes in the Institute calendar, rent in all of the older dormitories has been increased \$5 per occupant, per term. In addition to the increase, it has been decided that dormitory service will be reduced. Porters will no longer make up the beds each day, but will do so with clean linen once a week.

The new housing unit, which has been known about the Institute as the "new senior house," has now been designated by the Dormitory Board as the "New Dormitory." It will be open to all registered undergraduate students, but members of the class of 1950 will be given preference. The unit will be managed by Mr. Gordon Watson, who at present manages Building 22.

### Occupancy Limited in Barracks

Building 22 will be operated in the fall as a housing unit, but ocschool of chemical engineering cupancy will be limited to 250 persons. If accommodations are availtor of the Buffalo Station of the able, any resident of Building 22 may be requested by the Dormitory Board to transfer to another unit. The Dormitory Board reserves the ing; Dr. Thomas W. Lambe and right to discontinue Building 22 as a housing unit at the end of the fall term of this year if this is necessitated by the building program of the Institute.

All applications for occupancy in any of the Undergraduate Houses should be filed at the Dormitory Office, on or before May 1. Definite assignments will be made as soon thereafter as possible. Priority will be granted to present occupants of the dormitories who desire to retain their present accommodations.

### Streit Will Speak On Atlantic Pact

Mr. Clarence Streit, author of 'Union Now", and president of Federal Union, Inc., will speak on "The Atlantic Pact and Union of the Free" in Room 1-190 at noon on Monday, April 18. Streit, a journalist of long experience, who was intimately associated with the League of Nations throughout its history, is famous for his epochmaking book proposing union of the democratic peoples of the world.

His proposal has recently been supplemented by the "Atlantic Union Committee" whose president is ex-Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts.

All students and faculty are invited to attend.

### United States Becoming Empire De Santillana Says Professor

The following is the text of a paper written for THE TECH, by Professor de Santillana, concerning the future of our nation as a world empire.

### By George de Santillana

We have all been told that world leadership has been thrust upon us. This means that we have to develop a set of ideas to face the test. If they are not the right ones, they will be the wrong ones. If we don't learn quickly to develop the right ones, we shall have no time in which to change our mind later on.

The fact is, we have found ourselves compelled to become an empire. Most real empires happen that way. There comes a stampede of small powers seeking the protection of a big one, and the big one has no choice. We may call it a commitment instead of a conquest. It is an imperial commitment none the less. because in the last end what we

### Three Main Points

Which are the points on which we are most apt to give the wrong commands?

I see three main points. One, that we have not yet evolved an economic interdependence with our satellites, and that, on the other hand, we cannot afford to let them go their own way.

The second point concerns public House on Monday, April 18, and opinion more directly. Fear is always a blind counsellor. The blind

fear of communism is bound to lead us into dangerous pitfalls. A nation cannot stand in a position of leadership, and yet look to all the world like an agitated spinster feebly waving her umbrella at an inquisitive billygoat. Instead of looking for communists under our beds, and going into dim speculations about the Thirteen Bad Men in the Kremlin, we might ask ourselves how come that millions of people inside our zone of influence, not all of them fools, are willing to accept their leadership.

### America and Race Problems

The third point is that threequarters of the people of the earth do not happen to own a white skin. It is an unfortunate fact that the American is not at his best-in fact, he compares unfavorably with any other nation except South Africawhen it comes to color problems. Now three-quarters of our world are bound to join one camp or the other within the next few years. If we handle things as we handled O'Neill, and James A. Polychrone them in China, we know which camp they will join.

### The Unemployed Intellectuals

What the British did in the 19th century was to establish contact with the ruling classes in each country, and a network of influences which led to the use of a restricted but powerful business

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#### FRATERNITY POWER

Six freshmen were approved by the Institute Committee to fill vacancies in the Walker Memorial Committee at the meeting of that body two weeks ago. One of the members took time out to check the living group affiliation of the proposed committeemen and found that five of them belonged to fraternities and the sixth was a commuter. The subject is, of course, a touchy one, so, phrasing his words as diplomatically as possible, the Institute Committee member inquired whether W.M.C. and the Executive Committee were aware of the situation and whether they realized that, considering all the power W.M.C. wields among extracurricular activities, the proposed slate would not be very popular among political-minded Dormitory men. The Committees' representatives replied that they were aware.

Apparently, there was nothing that could be done in this case. Most of the freshmen who responded to the Walker Memorial Committee's announcement of its annual competition were fraternity men, and the members of that committee felt that those who were selected to fill the posts were clearly the most qualified contestants. Everyone regretted it, but that's the way things turned out and so it had to be. There was then some talk about the plight of Dormitory men who aren't let in on the secrets of what goes on around here among the numerous committees in the undergraduate bureaucracy, but it was pointed out that the school newspaper, of which all Dormitory men get a prepaid copy, carried the news of the competition. Drawing freely on further discussion at the meeting, here is our summary of the situation:

For the past two years freshmen coming to the Institute | cold war, or cold peace, against the who are not pledged to a fraternity are divided into two East, we should be careful of what groups, commuters and Barracks residents. Both of these we mean, what we do, and what we suffer from the lack of access to upperclassmen who can give them the benefit of their experience in choosing activities. In addition, the commuters suffer from the necessity of traveling some considerable distance to and from school, and the Barracks men do not enjoy an environment conducive to study so that many find themselves with little time for outside activities. A politically conscious fraternity will, of course, urge its pledges to participate in appropriate activities. On this basis, a good case can be made to show that fraternity freshmen do have a greater incentive and, possibly, opportunity to "be there when the jobs are handed out." Indeed, it has been notable that most of the working organizations, like the publications, have been staffed chiefly by Dormitory men and commuters while the administrative posts have gone to the fraternities.

In this particular case, it is extremely unfortunate that so important a committee as the W.M.C. will find itself without adequate Dormitory representation. The remedy that has been suggested, but which will only partially mitigate the matter, is to change the Walker Memorial Committee's constitution to permit tryouts by Sophomores and give the Dormitories another chance to put men on. We are in favor of this measure not because we think the Dormitories deserve another chance but because only bitterness can be reaped from this lopsided representation.

Fraternity men are stereotyped as a clique of powerseeking wheels while the caricature of a Dormitory man is a lonesome brownbagger. We know neither of these characterizations to be true, and in the near future we hope to comment further on this rivalry in search of its causes and cures. If we are to find a solution to this problem, we must approach it without partisanship, without assuming that each of the rivals is out to cut the other's political throat. Actually, most of the mutual resentment is due to circumstance and tradition rather than any individual's or group's ill will.

#### De Santillana

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class. This, in itself, meant already the Liberal Revolution. But there was a corollary to that, with which the British did not know what to do. With the Liberals, came education, and with education, a new social layer of unemployed intellectuals, socially displaced because they could not fit into the old society and because there was no outlet to their ambitions, except in their bureaucracy. This was the situation at the outset of World War II. That system has run its course.

Our time is of mass production. Unlike the British, we are facing competition from the start, for the rival empire is also based on mass production.

But in this game, it is no longer the merchant middle classes who are our partners, it is the working masses themselves. Mass production involves widespread technical skills on one side, and on the other, a majority of the population taking part in the game or prosperity as adequate consumers.

#### Our Mass Civilization

But here we fall victims to an unfortunate delusion. In this country, by a phenomenon of prosperity, the masses and the middle classes are practically all one. We are a true mass civilization, whose organ of expression happens to be the Chamber of Commerce. Therefore, we also approach the world in this way. For every other country of our orbit, however, and since the beginning of time, the masses have had little to do with the Chamber of Commerce, which express the views of a small privileged business minority. This minority talks superficially like us, but means entirely different things. For instance, they are much more preoccupied with political command and privilege than any are with general prosperity

### Marshall Plan Aid Will End

The impression that I got from clever business leaders and diplomats in Europe was of some such view as this: "The Marshall plan has gotten things going again, but it cannot last for ever. We must get back to normal business." The logical course is to lower wages and living standards, and start again at the level which sound business commands.

What I am saying is, maybe this what "sound business" commands, or maybe it is not. On the other hand, as the leader in the don't do. Our opinion has been expressed in Truman's Fourth Point. It seems to be at variance with that of my distinguished informer. Before we try to get it over to him, we had better figure out the implications ourselves, and what would happen otherwise.

### CORRECTION

Inadvertently, the drama shop presentations were listed in "After Hours" as being held this week-end, April 15 and 16. The correct dates for these performances are Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23.

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### man about tech

by marvin c. grossman

there was an eclipse of the moon tuesday night and several of the fellows realized that here was as good a time as any to celebrate something . . . anything, even an eclipse. a number of astronomers gathered in the court between the two undergrad dorm buildings, and hidden caches of fire crackers were brought forth. public address systems started going, featuring phono records, imported for the occasion from the far reaches of lower mon-

as the phenomenon progressed, it was decided that here was a fine time for it to rain. after all, what could be more fun than an eclipse with rain. especially if a hundred or more people had their heads innocently turned towards the fading yellow moon in the sky. the rain makers on the roofs went about their devilish task of attaching fire hoses to all available water faucets. buckets, paper bags and wastebaskets were acquired and when the signal was given, the deluge started.

then the idea caught on, and even the more sedate inhabitants of the dorms joined in the fracas and poured still more water from their windows. raincoats and rubber boots became the order of the day.

as the racket reached new heights, one of the members of the undergrad dormitory committee hastened for john law, and as this gentleman strolled with the officer towards the dormitory office, some clever fellow, undoubtedly an exb-29 bombardier, proceeded to drop a water-filled paper bag squarely on his head.

we understand there will be another eclipse next october. anyone know where we can get a stirrup pump? . . . to help us celebrate of

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- 3. Only one entry may be submitted by any one person.
- 4. First prize will be a ticket to a world series game played in Boston. If none of the series takes place in Boston, a substitute prize will be awarded.
- 5. In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded.
- 6. Contest closes on April 30.

#### Basketball Team Elects Morton As '49 Captain

Lou Morton, a junior, has been elected captain of the varsity basketball team for the '49-50 season. Lou who is 6' 4" tall and weighs 190 pounds, has been first string center on the team for the past three years and last season scored 157 points, besides playing a standout defensive game.

### Golf Team Awaits Opener on Apr. 20

With its first match of the season less than a week away, the Tech golf team has completed qualifying rounds for the first six berths on the squad. Positions seven and eight will be determined in elimination matches to be held over the week-

The team thus far includes three veterans back from last year's squad and three members of last year's freshman team. Playing in first position is Captain Neil Morrison, followed by Dave Schoeffel, Tim Chisholm, Jim Fuller, all on last year's freshman team, and Jack Corrie and Bob Nesbit, both of whom played golf with the Varsity last season.

The first match is against B. U. on Wednesday, April 20. It will be held on the Woodland Country Club

## Engineers Drop Opener, 10-7 As Wesleyan Scores Heavily In Late Innings

Dissipating an early four run lead, the Engineer nine lost to Wesleyan in its opening game of the season at Middletown last Wednesday afternoon. The final score was 10-7, with the Cardinals scoring three runs in the seventh and two in the eighth to eke out the decision.

Tech jumped off in front in the first inning as John McMillan led off with a triple, and Cardinal pitcher Shorter walked Johnson, of Beaver hurler Lloyd Marshall. Byrne and Phillion to force in a run. Another tally came in on Jacobanis' single.

### Two Runs, No Hits

After Wesleyan had tied the score in the second on a walk, a single,

### Frosh Tie Harvard, 2-2 In 10 Innings; Dixon Allows 5 Hits

In a surprising display of strength, the freshman baseball team battled Harvard through ten long innings last Wednesday afternoon before the game was called on account of darkness. The final score was 2-2.

Amos Dixon pitched the entire ten innings for the Engineers, giving up but five hits and striking out six men. He was aided by good defensive play, especially on the part of third baseman Ronald Thompson.

Harvard opened the scoring with a run in the fourth inning, as a Beaver pickoff attempt backfired. The Crimson then added another marker in the fifth to take a 2-0

However, the Engineers came back with one in the sixth when Jack Hartnett tripled and scored on a fielder's choice, and then tied the score with single tally in the seyenth. That was the end of the scoring, although Harvard threatened in the last of the tenth, loading the bases with none out.

an error and a fly ball, the Beavers came back with another pair in the third without benefit of a hit. Two walks, two errors, and two flies accounted for the tallies.

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The Tech margin became 6-2 in the fourth inning as Gene Lubarsky drove in two runs with a big double. However, from here on in it was mostly Wesleyan, as the Cardinals proceeded to pound the offerings A trio in the seventh brought over by four hits, a walk and an error put Wesleyan in front to stay, as Chappie Spencer drove in two runs with a key single.

#### Highlights and Sidelights

Warren Berg's nine showed the usual amount of opening-game jitters, but nevertheless performed quite creditably. The difference between the teams could probably be traced to the eight games which the Cardinals already had under their belts. . . . Wesleyan got 11 hits off Marshall-Stan Moulton, who relieved in the eighth, retired two men on three pitchers. . . . John MacMillan was hit in the eve by a foul tip in the second inning and had to retire from the game; however, all he had to show for his injury was a shiner. . . . Fenster and Johnson were outstanding on the defense for Tech.... The Engineers were the recipients of nine walks handed out by the Wesleyan hurlers, but did not take full advantage, leaving 13 men stranded on the basepaths.

#### TECH LINEUP



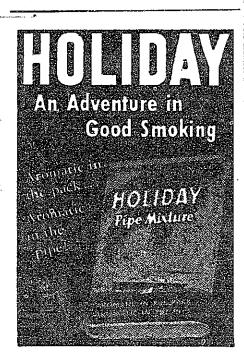
### TECH SHOW SONGS

Most of the song hits from this year's Tech Show, "O Say Can You Si," are now available, recorded on standard twelveinch records. To be sold as a set are three records including, "Beaver, Beaver," "Back to Boston," "I'm a Ph.D. from M.I.T.," and many other songs. Also, a recording of the overture to the Tech Show can be bought separately. The price of the set of three records is \$5.00 and the price of the overture is \$2.00. The records can be obtained from Jerry Harstein, '51, in the Dorms or Mary Burke in the Institute Committee Office.

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American Cyanamid, Calco Division, Bound Brook, N. J., April 20, 21; X, V.

Fabreeka Products Co., Boston, Mass., April 21; XV, II. Eckert Mauchly Co., Philadelphia

Pa., April 25; VI, II, VIII. Lukens Steel Co., Coatesville, Pa. April 25; II, III.

Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York, April 25; Kaiser-Frazer Corp., Willow Run, Mich., April 25; XV.

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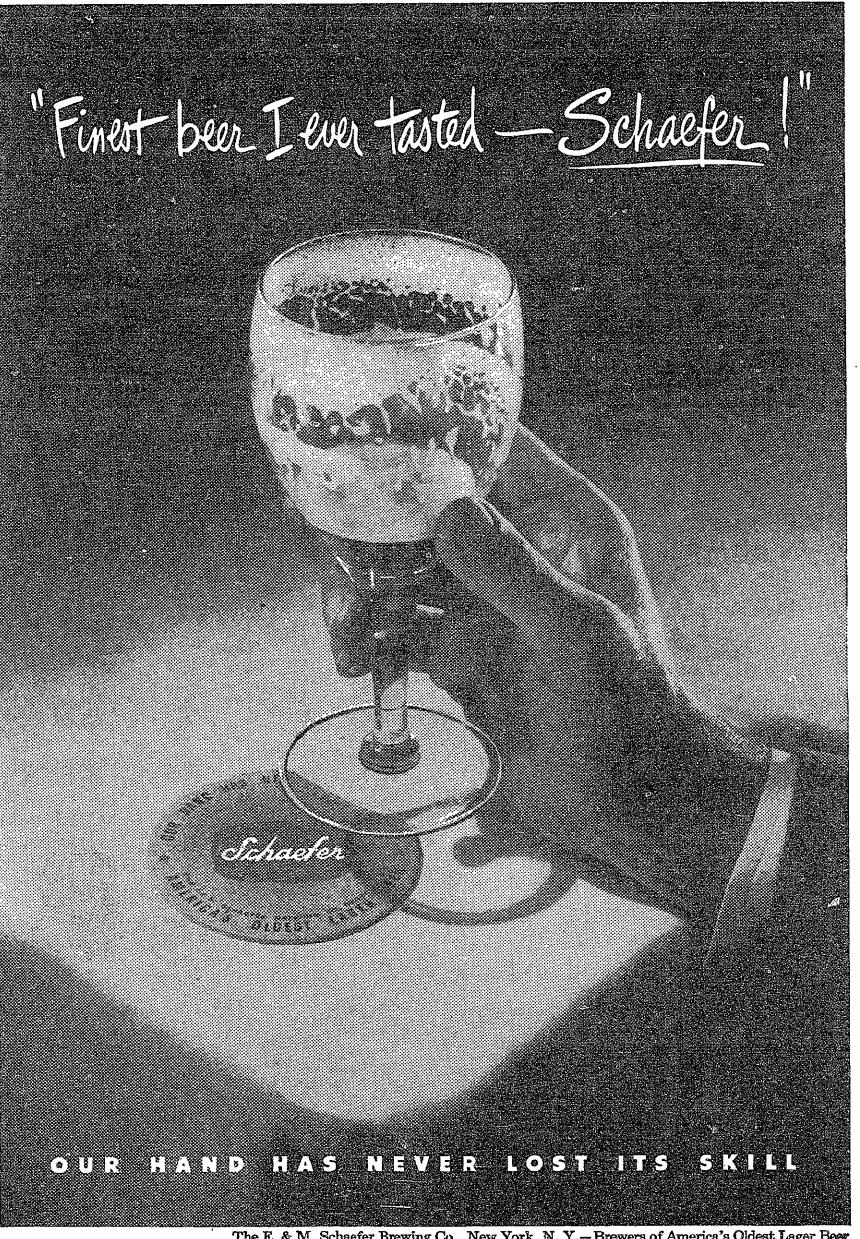
### MAN FAINTS AT LOW PRICES

The high cost of living took its toll in reverse today. Joe Smudge is so used to paying high prices for every-thing that when he ran into a low price for a better product, he bit the dust!

Seems a friend lent him a wonder-ful razor blade - PAL Hollow Ground. Joe went to the store to get some more. "How much?" asked Joa. "Still only 10¢ for 4," said the clerk. That's when Smudge fainted.

"What?" said Joe when he came to, "Why I pay twice that for blades that aren't half as good."

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